

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending. Claims 1-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph but are otherwise allowable. Claims 1-23 have been amended. Accordingly the grounds for rejection are now believed to be moot and the claims are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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